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In re application of: Blessing et al.

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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REPLY TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT  
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed March 2, 2005.

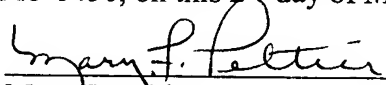
REMARKS

I. INTRODUCTION

Claims 1-12 are presently pending in this application. Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration of the application.

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I hereby certify that this Response to Restriction/Election Requirement Under 35 U.S.C. § 121 is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail No. ED164796094US, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2005.

  
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